Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as shown below.

- 1. (Canceled).
- 2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the criteria include an identity of a party to the collateral agreement.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the criteria include a type of the unsecured receivable.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the criteria are applied pursuant to the processing of a new or existing the unsecured receivable.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the criteria are applied pursuant to the processing of a new or existing the collateral agreement.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the link is formed between the receivable object data record and an object representing a portion of the collateral agreement.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the link is formed between an object representing a component of the receivable and the collateral agreement record object.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the link is formed between an object representing a component of the receivable and an object representing a portion of the collateral agreement.
- 9-14. (Canceled).
- 15. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the collateral agreement includes a plurality of portions, each of the portions having assigned thereto a value that is a part of a total value of the collateral agreement.

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- 16. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the collateral agreement includes a plurality of portions, each of the portions having associated therewith distinct criteria for forming a link between a respective portion and a receivable secured by the collateral agreement.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the collateral agreement includes a plurality of portions, each of the portions having a priority.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the link is formed between the receivable <u>data record</u> object and an object representing a portion of the collateral agreement.
- 19. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the link is formed between an object representing a component of the receivable and the collateral agreement record object.
- 20. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the link is formed between an object representing a component of the receivable and an object representing a portion of the collateral agreement.
- 21-27. (Canceled).
- 28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the collateral agreement includes a plurality of portions, each of the portions having assigned thereto a value that is a part of a total value of the collateral agreement.
- 29. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for managing receivables and a collateral agreement in a computer system, -a collateral agreement object created including a plurality of collateral objects and a global declaration of purpose object the method comprising,

when creating, by the computer system, a new receivable data record object is created in the computer system representing an unsecured receivable[[:]];

comparing applying, by the computer system, data of the new receivable data record to criteria identified in the <u>a global</u> declaration of purpose <u>record associated with a data record representing the collateral agreement object to the new receivable object, the criteria specifying requirements for <u>securing</u> the <u>unsecured new receivable to be secured to a at least one collateral represented by specified in the collateral agreement <u>record object managed by the computer system;</u></u></u>

if the unsecured receivable meets the criteria of the global declaration of purpose record object, recording, by the computer system, a direct link the new receivable object in the computer system with a link—that directly identifies the new receivable data record with the collateral agreement record and secures the receivable represented by the new receivable data record to the collateral agreement to allow a one-step determination from the receivable to the collateral agreement object;

if the unsecured receivable does not meet criteria of any global declaration of purpose record object—stored by the system, recording, by the computer system, the new receivable record object in the computer system as an unsecured receivable, without a link to the any collateral agreement record object.

30. (Currently Amended) A hardware machine-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions, the executable instructions which, when executed, cause a processor to perform a process method for managing receivables and a collateral agreement in a computer system, a collateral agreement object created including a plurality of collateral objects and a global declaration of purpose object, the method comprising:

when <u>creating</u>, by the <u>computer system</u>, a new receivable object <u>data record</u> is <u>created</u> in the computer system representing an <u>unsecured</u> receivable[[:]];

comparing applying, by the computer system, data of the new receivable data record to criteria identified in the <u>a global</u> declaration of purpose <u>record associated with a data record representing the collateral agreement object to the new receivable object, the criteria specifying requirements for <u>securing</u> the <u>unsecured new receivable to be secured to a at least one collateral represented by specified in the collateral agreement <u>record</u> object managed by the computer system;</u></u>

if the unsecured receivable meets the criteria of the global declaration of purpose <u>record</u> object, recording, by the computer system, a direct link the new receivable object—in the computer system with a link—that directly identifies the new receivable data record with the

collateral agreement <u>record and secures the receivable represented by the new receivable data</u> <u>record to the collateral agreement to allow a one-step determination from the receivable to the collateral agreement object;</u>

if the unsecured receivable does not meet criteria of any global declaration of purpose record object—stored by the system, recording, by the computer system, the new receivable record object in the computer system as an unsecured receivable, without a link to the any collateral agreement record object.

31. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for managing receivables and a collateral agreement in a computer system, -a collateral agreement object created including a plurality of collateral objects and a global declaration of purpose object the method comprising,

when creating, by the computer system, a new collateral agreement data record object is created in the computer system representing the collateral agreement[[:]];

<u>comparing applying</u>, by the computer system, criteria identified in the <u>a global</u> declaration of purpose <u>record associated with a data record representing the collateral agreement object</u> to a plurality of receivable <u>data records representing receivables</u> objects, the global declaration of purpose object specifying requirements for securing an <u>unsecured</u> receivable to the new collateral agreement, and

for any receivable <u>data record</u> object that meets criteria of the global declaration of purpose <u>record</u> object, storing <u>recording</u>, a <u>direct link in the computer system</u>, a <u>link in association with the respective receivable object</u> that directly identifies the new collateral agreement <u>record</u> object as related to the receivable <u>data record and secures the receivable represented by the new receivable data record to the collateral agreement to allow a one-step <u>determination from the receivable to the collateral agreement</u> object.</u>

32. (Currently Amended) A hardware machine-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions, the executable instructions which, when executed, cause a processor to perform a process method for managing receivables and a collateral agreement in a computer system, a collateral agreement object created including a plurality of collateral objects and a global declaration of purpose object, the method comprising:

when <u>creating</u>, by the <u>computer system</u>, a new collateral agreement <u>data record</u> object is <u>created</u> in the computer system representing the collateral agreement[[:]];

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<u>comparing applying</u>, by the computer system, criteria identified in the <u>a global</u> declaration of purpose <u>record associated with a data record representing the collateral agreement object</u> to a plurality of receivable <u>data records representing receivables</u> objects, the global declaration of purpose object specifying requirements for securing an <u>unsecured</u> receivable to the new collateral agreement, and

for any receivable <u>data record</u> object that meets criteria of the global declaration of purpose <u>record</u> object, storing <u>recording</u>, <u>a direct link in the computer system</u>, <u>a link in association with the respective receivable object</u> that directly identifies the new collateral agreement <u>record</u> object as related to the receivable <u>data record</u> and <u>secures</u> the receivable <u>represented</u> by the new receivable data record to the collateral agreement to allow a one-step determination from the receivable to the collateral agreement object.